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(54) Amplification of long nucleic acid sequences by PCR

(57) Methods and reagents are provided for the amplification of nucleic acid sequences, e.g. DNA sequences, longer than 10 kilobases by the polymerase chain reaction (PCR). The methods use compositions consisting of a primary thermostable DNA polymerase from *Thermus thermophilus* combined with a lesser amount of a secondary thermostable DNA polymerase possessing a 3'-to-5' exonuclease activity from *Thermococcus litoralis*, *Pyrococcus* species GB-D or *Thermotoga maritima*. The DNA polymerase compositions, when used with the disclosed reaction buffer, enable amplifications of DNA sequences up to at least 42.2 kilobases in length.

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